



Henry's Original
Laytonville, CA

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
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Re: Agenda Item 6B

Dear Members of the Board and Chair Haschak:

We appreciate the work of the Cannabis Ad Hoc to move the County Cannabis Program forward. Like all operators, we are concerned about the future of being able to do business here.

We would like to voice our support for all 10 items brought forth by the Ad Hoc, and urge the Board to vote in favor of moving the County's cannabis program forward. The committee's recommendations make sense, and hopefully will help us out of the Catch 22 we find ourselves in with having an overburdened and underfunded cannabis program. A few items of particular concern.

- 1) Our brand is built on Mendocino County and **getting annual licenses is crucial for the future of this region.** Cannabis operators are held to extremely high environmental requirements, and we need the county to advocate on behalf of operators and find out, once and for all, if we are to be held to the Appendix G requirement.
- 2) **Improving & modernizing the application is long overdue.** A guide to help people through the permitting process, and a digital portal to track cannabis applications and enable applicants to check on the status of their application will help remove unnecessary bottlenecks and make the whole process more efficient and transparent.
- 3) **Hiring the required biologists to certify local farms, and providing sufficient staffing for program administration is essential.** We need to break out of the gridlock that is keeping those of us who have been operating in good standing from getting the necessary permits and certifications to acquire annual licenses.

- 4) **We need to start planning Phase 3.** In addition to getting all current applicants through the program, we need to create options for future permitting, especially since some operators may not make it into the onerous Phase 1 program.

Thank you for your continued work to find solutions to keep our local industry vital and support legacy cultivators.

Sincerely,

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